



Arkansas Bee and Honey Report

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This report contains the results from the *Bee and Honey Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2015 Arkansas Honey Production Up 27 Percent

Honey production during 2015 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.73 million pounds, up 27 percent from 2014. There were 24,000 honey producing colonies in 2015, up 3,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 72 pounds of honey, up 11 percent from 2014. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2015, were 121,000 pounds, down 12 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey decreased to \$2.02 per pound in 2015 from \$2.04 per pound in 2014. The total value of honey production totaled \$3.49 million, up 25 percent from the previous year.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value, Arkansas and U.S., 2014-2015¹

Item	Unit	Arkansas			United States		
		2014 ²	2015	% Change from '14	2014 ²	2015	% Change from '14
Honey Producing Colonies ³	1,000 Colonies	21	24	+14	2,740	2,660	-3
Yield per Colony	Pounds	65	72	+11	65.1	58.9	-10
Production	1,000 Pounds	1,365	1,728	+27	178,270	156,544	-12
Stocks on December 15 ⁴	1,000 Pounds	137	121	-12	41,192	42,203	+2
Average Price per Pound ⁵	Cents	204	202	-1	217.3	209.0	-4
Value of Production ⁶	1,000 Dollars	2,785	3,491	+25	387,381	327,177	-16

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State.

² Revised.

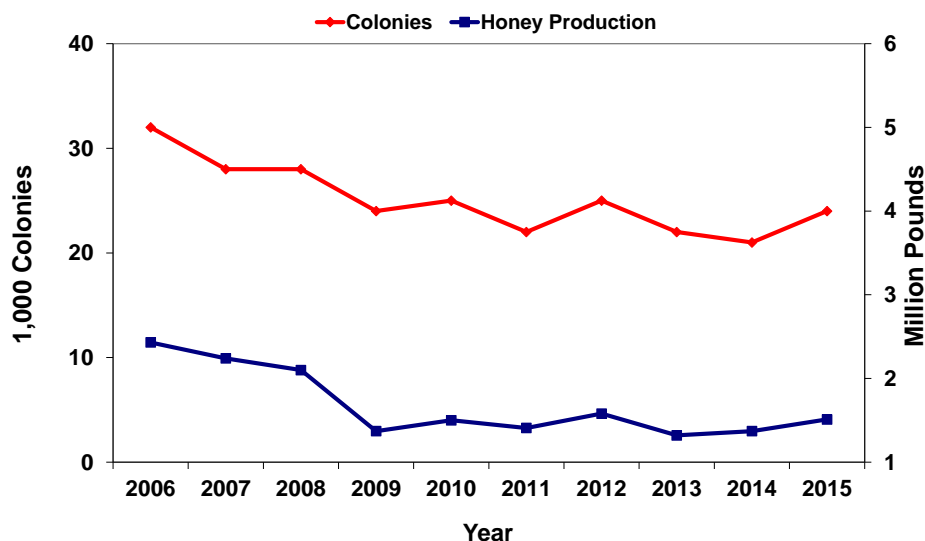
³ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

⁴ Stocks held by producers.

⁵ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁶ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

Honey Producing Colonies and Production, Arkansas, 2006-2015



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Honey: Price by Color Class, United States, 2014-2015

Color Class	Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel								
	Co-op and Private			Retail			All		
	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	% Change from '14	2014	2015	% Change from '14
	Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound			Cents per Pound		
All Honey	207.1	195.5	-6	405.4	409.6	+1	217.3	209.0	- 4
Water White, Extra White, and White	204.6	189.0	-8	328.5	354.2	+8	206.2	191.0	-7
Extra Light Amber	209.6	204.0	-3	392.2	411.8	+5	218.3	215.4	-1
Light Amber, Amber, and Dark Amber	208.8	198.8	-5	417.1	398.4	- 4	234.2	230.5	-2
All Other Honey and Area Specialties	255.4	238.3	-7	535.2	647.0	+21	317.2	303.3	- 4

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales, United States, 2011-2015

